

Social Security Disability Insurance

February 2007 Baseline

February 26, 2007

CALENDAR YEAR

Beneficiaries (December 31; in 1000s)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
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Disabled workers																			
Men	2,801	2,856	2,952	3,070	3,225	3,373	3,521	3,647	3,785	3,918	4,021	4,126	4,229	4,303	4,353	4,422	4,491	4,552	4,609
Women	2,078	2,186	2,322	2,474	2,649	2,819	3,003	3,165	3,323	3,471	3,590	3,705	3,816	3,898	3,955	4,023	4,090	4,148	4,201
Subtotal	4,879	5,042	5,274	5,544	5,874	6,192	6,525	6,812	7,108	7,389	7,611	7,830	8,046	8,201	8,308	8,444	8,581	8,700	8,811
Spouses	176	165	157	152	151	153	157	156	159	160	161	161	161	160	158	157	155	154	152
Children	1,468	1,466	1,482	1,526	1,571	1,599	1,633	1,652	1,663	1,672	1,678	1,681	1,682	1,681	1,680	1,682	1,690	1,702	1,714
Total	6,524	6,673	6,913	7,221	7,595	7,944	8,314	8,619	8,930	9,221	9,450	9,672	9,888	10,042	10,146	10,283	10,426	10,556	10,677

Average benefit (December 31)

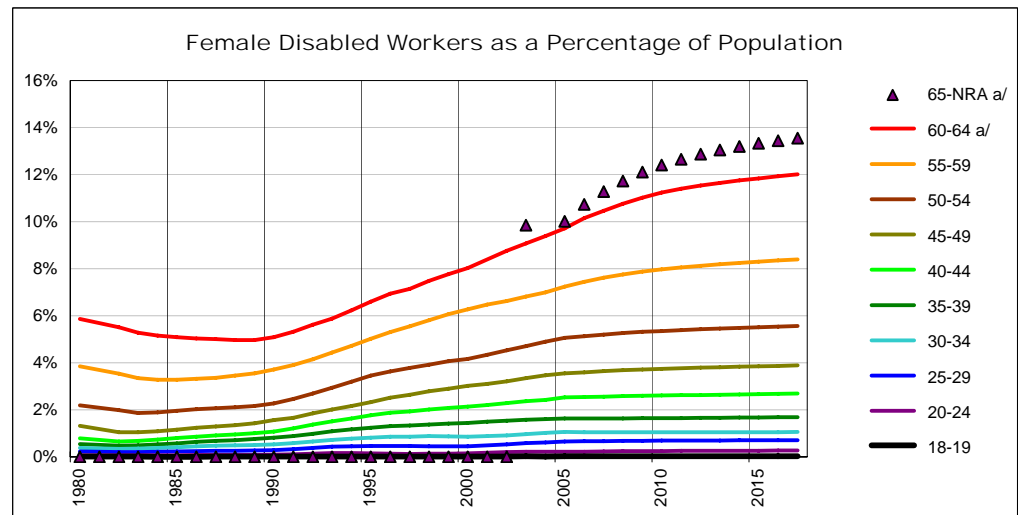
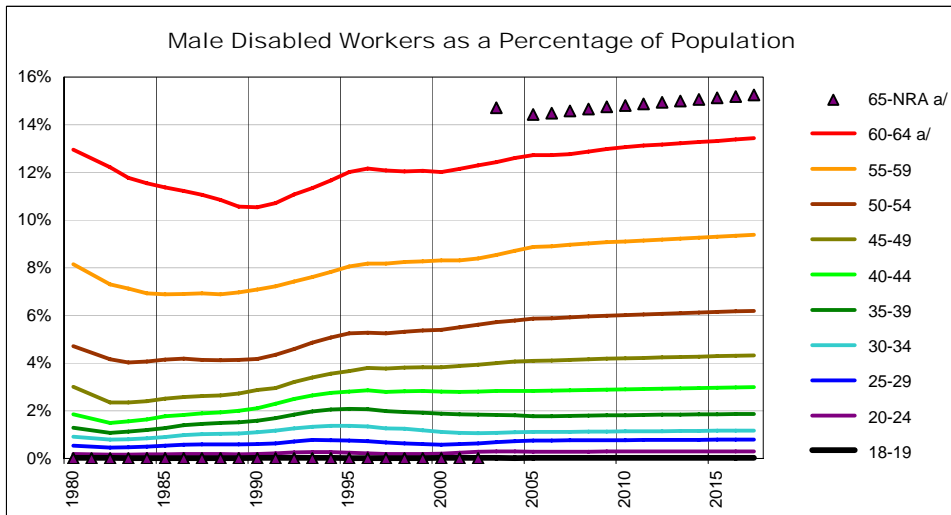
Disabled workers																			
Men	\$846	\$883	\$914	\$936	\$966	\$1,002	\$1,052	\$1,098	\$1,123	\$1,158	\$1,195	\$1,235	\$1,277	\$1,322	\$1,369	\$1,419	\$1,472	\$1,526	\$1,582
Women	\$630	\$661	\$688	\$709	\$735	\$765	\$805	\$840	\$859	\$884	\$912	\$942	\$974	\$1,007	\$1,043	\$1,081	\$1,121	\$1,162	\$1,205
Subtotal	\$754	\$786	\$814	\$834	\$862	\$894	\$938	\$978	\$999	\$1,029	\$1,062	\$1,096	\$1,133	\$1,172	\$1,214	\$1,258	\$1,304	\$1,353	\$1,403
Spouses	\$189	\$198	\$207	\$212	\$221	\$232	\$245	\$257	\$263	\$272	\$281	\$291	\$301	\$312	\$323	\$336	\$349	\$362	\$376
Children	\$216	\$228	\$238	\$245	\$254	\$265	\$279	\$290	\$298	\$308	\$318	\$329	\$341	\$353	\$366	\$380	\$394	\$409	\$425

Average disabled-worker award

Men	\$892	\$950	\$987	\$1,020	\$1,062	\$1,097	\$1,131	\$1,160	\$1,195	\$1,235	\$1,287	\$1,339	\$1,395	\$1,454	\$1,514	\$1,575	\$1,637	\$1,699	\$1,763
Women	\$652	\$698	\$730	\$754	\$787	\$817	\$849	\$878	\$907	\$939	\$980	\$1,022	\$1,066	\$1,114	\$1,162	\$1,211	\$1,261	\$1,312	\$1,364
Total	\$783	\$835	\$869	\$898	\$937	\$968	\$1,000	\$1,028	\$1,062	\$1,099	\$1,147	\$1,195	\$1,246	\$1,302	\$1,358	\$1,414	\$1,471	\$1,528	\$1,587

Disabled Workers (in 1000s)

Start of year	4,698	4,879	5,042	5,274	5,544	5,874	6,192	6,525	6,812	7,108	7,389	7,611	7,830	8,046	8,201	8,308	8,444	8,581	8,700
Awards	620	622	691	755	778	797	832	814	829	858	885	894	904	915	921	937	950	950	952
"Exits"	-439	-459	-459	-486	-448	-479	-500	-527	-532	-576	-664	-675	-689	-760	-813	-801	-814	-831	-841
End of year	4,879	5,042	5,274	5,544	5,874	6,192	6,525	6,812	7,108	7,389	7,611	7,830	8,046	8,201	8,308	8,444	8,581	8,700	8,811
Exit rate	-9.4%	-9.4%	-9.1%	-9.2%	-8.1%	-8.1%	-8.1%	-8.1%	-7.8%	-8.1%	-9.0%	-8.9%	-8.8%	-9.4%	-9.9%	-9.6%	-9.6%	-9.7%	-9.7%



a. At 62 or older, eligible workers may collect either retired- or disabled-worker benefits. Disabled workers are converted to retired workers at "normal retirement age" (NRA), which climbs from 65 to 66 during this period and eventually to 67.

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FISCAL YEAR

Regular benefits (in billions)																			
Disabled workers	\$41.5	\$44.2	\$47.6	\$51.8	\$56.3	\$61.3	\$67.0	\$73.5	\$79.9	\$85.9	\$91.9	\$96.9	\$102.9	\$109.0	\$114.8	\$120.6	\$127.0	\$133.7	\$140.6
Spouses	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.7
Children	\$3.6	\$3.8	\$4.0	\$4.2	\$4.5	\$4.8	\$5.1	\$5.4	\$5.7	\$5.9	\$6.1	\$6.4	\$6.6	\$6.8	\$7.1	\$7.3	\$7.6	\$8.0	\$8.3
Subtotal	\$45.6	\$48.4	\$52.0	\$56.4	\$61.2	\$66.5	\$72.5	\$79.3	\$86.1	\$92.3	\$98.6	\$103.8	\$110.0	\$116.5	\$122.5	\$128.5	\$135.3	\$142.3	\$149.5

Retroactive benefits (in billions)																			
Total	\$4.9	\$5.8	\$6.2	\$7.8	\$8.6	\$9.6	\$11.3	\$11.3	\$11.2	\$11.9	\$12.7	\$13.2	\$13.9	\$14.6	\$15.2	\$15.8	\$16.4	\$17.1	\$17.8

Total benefits (in billions)																			
Disabled workers	\$45.6	\$49.1	\$52.9	\$58.6	\$63.7	\$69.7	\$76.9	\$83.4	\$89.8	\$96.5	\$103.2	\$108.7	\$115.3	\$122.0	\$128.4	\$134.7	\$141.7	\$149.1	\$156.5
Spouses	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.7	\$0.7	\$0.7	\$0.7
Children	\$4.4	\$4.6	\$4.8	\$5.2	\$5.6	\$5.9	\$6.3	\$6.7	\$7.0	\$7.3	\$7.5	\$7.8	\$8.1	\$8.3	\$8.6	\$8.9	\$9.3	\$9.7	\$10.1
Subtotal	\$50.4	\$54.2	\$58.2	\$64.2	\$69.7	\$76.1	\$83.8	\$90.7	\$97.3	\$104.3	\$111.3	\$117.0	\$123.9	\$131.0	\$137.7	\$144.3	\$151.7	\$159.5	\$167.4
Plug	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Outlays (OMB Table 13.1)	\$50.4	\$54.2	\$58.2	\$64.2	\$69.8	\$76.2	\$83.8	\$90.7	\$97.3	\$104.3	\$111.3	\$117.0	\$123.9	\$131.0	\$137.7	\$144.3	\$151.7	\$159.5	\$167.4

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

Average wage for indexing	\$30,470	\$32,155	\$32,922	\$33,252	\$34,065	\$35,649	\$36,953	\$38,645	\$40,114	\$41,792	\$43,634	\$45,422	\$47,241	\$49,084	\$50,961	\$52,859	\$54,824	\$56,836	\$58,912
Taxable maximum	\$72,600	\$76,200	\$80,400	\$84,900	\$87,000	\$87,900	\$90,000	\$94,200	\$97,500	\$102,000	\$105,900	\$110,400	\$115,200	\$120,000	\$124,800	\$129,600	\$134,700	\$139,800	\$144,900
PIA for mythical "lifelong average" disabled worker (age 50)	\$1,050	\$1,117	\$1,171	\$1,218	\$1,255	\$1,276	\$1,326	\$1,376	\$1,402	\$1,476	\$1,532	\$1,597	\$1,667	\$1,735	\$1,805	\$1,875	\$1,947	\$2,019	\$2,094
Maximum PIA (age 50)	\$1,626	\$1,741	\$1,836	\$1,924	\$1,994	\$2,035	\$2,120	\$2,205	\$2,249	\$2,370	\$2,462	\$2,567	\$2,681	\$2,793	\$2,906	\$3,021	\$3,138	\$3,257	\$3,380
COLA this calendar year	2.4%	3.5%	2.7%	1.4%	2.1%	2.7%	4.1%	3.3%	1.5%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%
Date	Dec-99	Dec-00	Dec-01	Dec-02	Dec-03	Dec-04	Dec-05	Dec-06	Dec-07	Dec-08	Dec-09	Dec-10	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-14	Dec-15	Dec-16	Dec-17

NOTES

By convention, most Social Security program statistics are by calendar year. Benefit payments in the federal government's fiscal year (October through September) roughly track figures for the preceding December--for example, regular benefits in fiscal 2006 approximately equal recipients in December 2005 times their average amount, times twelve. COLAs and a rising NRA complicate that relationship, but it remains a useful rule of thumb.

Details may not add to totals due to rounding. A few beneficiaries are not identified by sex.

Outlays depict benefit costs only and omit vocational rehabilitation and the payment to railroad retirement (which are mandatory) and administrative costs (discretionary).

2001 COLA includes regular COLA (2.6%) in December 2001 plus retroactive 0.1% "mini-COLA" paid in summer 2001 as a result of P.L. 106-554.

"Exits" chiefly represent terminations due to death or conversion to retirement, plus some medical recoveries.

Retroactive benefits chiefly go to newly-awarded disabled workers for past months, including the months spent in processing their applications. Unusually high retroactive payments in 2002 through 2010 stem largely from processing approximately 300,000 awards to current and former SSI recipients that SSA discovered should have received DI based on work performed after they started getting SSI. (SSA announced that finding in July 2001 and initially estimated the number of people at 130,000.) Because SSI is a needs-tested program and offsets DI benefits (except for the first \$20 a month) on a dollar-for-dollar basis, most of the extra DI costs will be offset by reduced SSI benefits and reimbursement for past overpayments. The exact timing of those large reimbursements (paid by DI to the general fund) is very uncertain.

COLA=cost-of-living adjustment, PIA=primary insurance amount, NRA="normal retirement age" (when disabled workers are converted to retired workers).